

FAQ's – Virtual 2021 London Marathon

When does the Virtual London Marathon take place and can I run it on an alternative date?

Between 00:00:00 and 23:59:59 (BST) on Sunday 3 October 2021. Only runs that take place during this period will be officially accepted.

Is the Virtual London Marathon being held instead of the actual Virgin Money London Marathon?

No, the 41st edition of the London Marathon is due to take place Sunday 3 October 2021. The virtual 2021 Virgin Money London Marathon is being held in addition to the event in London.

Will I get a finishers medal and T-shirt for taking part in the Virtual London Marathon?

Yes, these items will be posted to all official finishers after the event.

When will the Official App, powered by TCS be available?

The Official Technology Partner TCS is due to launch the Official App in September.

Do I have to run the Virtual London Marathon all in one go? For example, can I do half in the morning and half in the evening?

As long as you start and finish between 00:00:00 and 23:59 (BST) on Sunday 3 October, you can break your virtual marathon down into as many sessions as you like by using the pause functionality on your device. Your official result will be based on your total elapsed time.

Can I transfer to the Virtual event if I have a physical place at the London Marathon?

No, it's not possible to transfer your place.

Does the Virtual event count towards the Abbott World Marathon Majors points or a Six Star Finishers Medal?

No. Virtual marathons do not count towards the Abbott World Marathon Majors points or a Six Star Finisher medal.

I plan to run the route around my garden, will the Official App powered by TCS track me?

The Official App powered by TCS is unlikely to work in an average-sized garden – you need to run at least 50 metres before changing direction for the Official App to be able to track you.

Can I do the Virtual London Marathon on a treadmill?

No. You must not use a treadmill or any other stationary running machine and/or equipment to take part in the virtual 2021 Virgin Money London Marathon. All participants must complete the 26.2 miles outside.

Can the Virtual London Marathon be used to qualify for a Good For Age or Championship place or Championship entry in 2022?

Yes, you may apply for a Good For Age or Championship place in the 2022 London Marathon by running the relevant qualifying times in the 2021 virtual Virgin Money London Marathon. Please visit our [Good For Age entry](#) and [Championship entry](#) pages for more information.

Does the Virtual London Marathon event count in the London Classics?

Yes. Completing the virtual 2021 Virgin Money London Marathon counts towards the London Classics.